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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular correspondent.] DECEMBER 24, 1883.

I had the opportunity a day or two ago to look over the morning mail of a prominent Western Senator. He receives daily over one hundred letters on every conceivable subject; offering praise, advice. making requests for places, for bills, books, department errands, speeches, seeds, plants, foreigh papers, &c., but the greatest number were from ex-soldiers concerning pensions or demanding new laws on the same subject. The Senator in question but oh, my, how sinful is that conaims to read all his letters, but it gregation that laughs out loud!" would consume all his time to attempt to attend to the demands per-

to refuse their demands. The con- tions. sequence is that the legislative duties of a prominent member are a mere bagatelle compared with his correspondence and official errands. His desk in the House is his office in epitome. He works there at his writ- as Louisville. He left the latter ing, and only on rare occasions gives city under a cloud a few months ago, attention to what is going on, the and returned a short time before his

The resolution offered the other day to remove the desks from the with him when he died, and had the hall of representatives is a step in the direction of needed reform. The inattention to what legislation is in progress is a burning shame and an impediment to business. Members armed with a nurderous club created do not try to understand public consternation in Ohio county, West questions. If any doubt suggests Virginia. He even committed murthey oppose an objection, and the bill or measkre loses its chance, perhaps for good. There are more villainous pranks, and announced measures slaughtered because of in- that a posse of citizens were after den of public duty, but it is by no entshave not been heard from since. means the best way. I think that extraneous matters.

It has been commonly reported also a convict. that Mr. Blaine, a few months ago, erected a very large residence in Washington. Some people have wondered why his name has not appeared in any of the lists of tax payers. The explanation, as given vear-old daughter of the man he was to me, is that Mr. Blaine bought his building lot from Hon. William Walter Phelps; that he has never had his deed recorded, and that he now prefers to have the whole property THE blockade of the Eastern mails stand in Mr. Phelps' name. Mr. at Portland, Oregon, continues, not-Phelps is taxed for about \$150,000. withstanding the presence of an offi-Consequently no valuation of the cial of the railway mail service, who Blaine mansion appears in the tax was going to untangle the snarl so

The object of the bill recently introduced in the House to examine all not make a continuous run of fortythe clerks now in office is said to be to create vacancies in order to fill them by civil service methods, and Chattanooga court has fined a man thus insure if possible a perform-ance of the reform. For it is clear Johnnalism is looking up in Tennesto all here that the endeaver to di- see. The time was when a man vorce departmental appointments could knock down as many editors from politics has had the appearance as he pleased in that State for tifty of being a little more than a device to keep Republicans in office. Should a Democratic administration come into power in March, 1885, it would entered through non-partisan meth- Ingersoll is the only person on the ods of the civil service law; the other nine-tenths being the appointees of Republican administrations wholesale removals to a Democratic and famous for her church charities. administration. The civil service act has been in force nearly tent

The men and women who look with peculiar dread upon the passage of such a law are those who are the atmospheric effects of the Lon-retained or have been appointed for dan fogs. It is suggested that the sentimental reasons. There are hun-glitter of gold dollars would give a men and women who have grown old phere. in the service and have passed the the age of efficiency; those who have been appointed because they had government for a quarter of a cenbroken merchants, dismitsed army not clamor for a change, and navy officers, &c., widows of delistic ceased soldiers, sailors and politicians, secured from absolute want Sr. Louis Globe-Democrat. The which is at all searching.

In his testimony before the senate June Hage, of not regard eleven hours a day too court. Mrs. Kilgore will apply to much work for that climate. About the supreme court next month. fifty of the operators in his mill GEORGE ELIOTIONCE very positivehave worked there over twenty-five ly declared that she was not an optiyears. Mr. Cogin is a native of mist, but she asserted her willing-

Beecher on Pulpit Wit.

Notice to Luxureduc

"Why shouldn't I flash wit before God?" said Mr. Beecher. "Didn't He make it? There is not one single part of a man's soul that is not necessary to his salvation. Suppose a literary man should decide to leave out the letter Z from his writings? Suppose a musical composer should decide to leave out a certain note from his anthems because he thought it was secular?

"Mirth," continued Mr. Beecher, is like carbonic acid in-I was going to say champagne, but I'll say soda water. Many of your ideal preachers are so afraid of being thought too progressive that they blow out all the lights from their sermons, and their sermons consequently are very solid-and very stupid. It's considered quite decorous to snore in church by some men,

O'Donnell, the slaver of Carey, was a much naturalized citizen of sonally. His secretary, if he hap- Ohio. The records show that he was pens to have one, must do that. And naturalized in Ironton, Lawrence county, and the secretary of state Pure Wines and Liquors. GEORGE M. WILSON'S The idea of making members of sent there a few weeks ago and had Congress in Washington agents for a certified copy of the records fortheir constituents is a ridiculous one. warded to him. It is now stated POOL TABLES. But almost every district has wealthy with equal positiveness that O'Don- Where gentlemen can have a quiet men, whose interests are engaged nell was naturalized in Youngstown, in some way. These men do not Mahoning county, April 7, 1879. scruple to ask favors of their repre- | There is either a surplus of O'Donsentatives, and the latter do not dare nells or one too many naturaliza-

JORATHAN HASKELL, the evangelist who died recently in Louisville, was at one time a circus clown. He began his religious work in New Orleans, and finally came as far north business for which he is sent here. death destitute and broken in health and spirits. His faithful wife was remains shipped to Nebraska City,

A MADMAN dressed in skins and him. As in all such cases, the wild

that members will have to attend to produced in court in order to show what is going on, is a good one, and the character of the wounds. The when the public come to appreciate murderer, Mooney, a convict, was it, it will be demanded. Certainly found guilty, but he has secured a something should be done to keep new trial, and it is now discovered Congress from idling away its time that the head has been stolen, and devoting it to purely personal and another conviction is regarded as improbable. The murdered man was

> A CHICAGO burglar, after ransacking a residence and getting numerous valuables, could not resist the temptation to plant a parting kiss on the pretty face of a sevenenteen- KEYTESVILLE. robbing, as she lay fast asleep. The girl screamed and her father got up and shot the thief.

easily. The postal clerks were suspected of laziness because they could eight hours.

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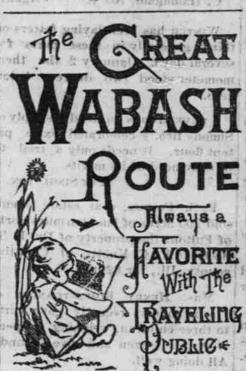
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